

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct SEQ ID numbers and include those SEQ ID numbers which were omitted at the time of filing.

Description for Figures 7A-7C was amended to exclude SEQ ID numbers which were erroneously included in the above-named figures. Description for Figures 8A-8B was amended to be in accordance with the formal drawings submitted herewith.

No new matter has been added.

The undersigned hereby states that the computer readable form copy (CRF copy) of the Sequence Listing and the paper copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a) and (b), respectively, are the same and contain no new matter. Accordingly, entry of the Sequence Listing into the above-captioned case is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 300622000501. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

On page 6, line 12, please delete “Figures 7A (SEQ ID NO:1), 7B (SEQ ID NO:4) and 7C (SEQ ID NOS:1-3)” and insert --Figures 7A, 7B and 7C--;

On page 6, line 14, please delete “Figure 8” and insert --Figures 8A-8B--;

On page 28, line 17, please delete “(SEQ ID NOS:5-22)” and insert --(SEQ ID NOS:1-18)--;

On page 29, line 32, after “cassette:” insert --(SEQ ID NO: 19)--;

On page 30, table 1, after “Sequence” insert --(SEQ ID NOS:20-31)--;

On page 30, line 21, after “CCG”, insert --(SEQ ID NOS:32-33)--;

On page 31, line 14, after “primers”, insert --(SEQ ID NOS:34-37)--;

On page 31, line 23, after “CGG”, insert --(SEQ ID NOS:38-39)--;

On page 32, line 17, after “CCT”, insert --(SEQ ID NOS:40-41)--;

On page 32, line 29, after “oligonucleotides”, insert --(SEQ ID NOS:42-43)--;

On page 34, line 6, after “CAG”, insert --(SEQ ID NO:44)--.